

BOONE IS OVER RED CROSS QUOTA BY 710

Sixth District Is Only Rural Division in State to Surpass Estimate.

5,610 NEW MEMBERS

3,268 Columbians Join in Drive—Hallsville Shows Up Well.

Boone County, 6,710; quota, 6,000. Sixth District, 27,900; quota, 27,400. The sixth district, including Boone, Audrain, Callaway, Cole, Osage, Maries and Miller counties, was the only district in the state outside of Kansas City, St. Joseph and St. Louis to obtain its quota in the Red Cross membership campaign.

The membership of 6,710 in Boone County includes 1,100 old members, giving a total of 5,610 new ones. Some workers are still out and it is possible that the total number of new members will be brought up to 6,000 or 20 per cent of the population of the county.

Several of the smaller towns in the county far exceeded the work expected of them in the campaign. Hallsville, with a population of 250, turned in 307 members, drawing from the surrounding country. Hallsville also subscribed heavily to the Y. M. C. A. and to the Liberty Bond issues. Huntstale obtained 105 new members and Mount Pleasant Church 107.

Columbia obtained 3,268 members, which is more than 25 per cent of the population.

The results of the campaign in Boone County follow:

Hallsville, including Red Top and Friendship churches, 307; Rocheport, 160; Harrisburg, 45; Centralia, 460; Sturgeon, 250; Ashland, 410; Hartsburg, Clayville, Mt. Pleasant Church, 119; Woodlandville, 44; Shaw, 40; Berea Church, 23; Huntstale, 105; Fairview Church, 45; Deer Park, 32; New Providence, 30; New Salem, 36; Hinton and Dripping Springs, 106; Harg, 30; miscellaneous, 100; Columbia, 3,268; old members, 1,100; total, 6,710.

CARES FOR M. U. MEN ABROAD

University Union Has Secretary for Men From Western Schools.

Prof. J. F. Alderfer of Oberlin College has been appointed secretary of the American University Union in Europe, of which the University of Missouri is a member. Professor Alderfer will have the special duty of looking after the interests and welfare of men from the western universities and colleges. He will be in residence at the headquarters of the union, Royal Palace Hotel, 8 Rue de Richelieu, Paris, throughout the war.

Since Dean Walter Miller, who represents the University of Missouri in the councils of the union, will not be in Paris often, men from this University should know that Professor Alderfer is officially responsible for looking after them and they should apply to him for assistance.

The union is using the Royal Palace Hotel Building as a social and recreational center for American university and college men in military service in France. During the first three weeks following the opening men from eight American colleges took rooms at the union. Already another building in the neighborhood has been taken over by the trustees of the union to supplement the facilities at the Royal Palace Hotel.

MRS. STONE'S WILL PROBATED

With Exception of \$1,000, Property Goes to Mrs. Hall and Dozier Stone.

By the will of Mrs. Elvira H. Stone which was filed for probate yesterday afternoon the property, with the exception of \$500 to the First Christian Church of Columbia and \$500 to the Christian Orphan Home at St. Louis, will be divided between Mrs. Mary Hall, a daughter, and Dozier Stone, a son, who is also appointed executor without bond.

At the death of Mrs. Hall one-third of her share shall go to her husband, one-third to their son, Joseph, to be placed in trust with Dozier Stone, and one-third to Mrs. Nellie Winkelmeyer, their daughter. An inventory of the property has not been made as yet.

MUMFORD APPOINTS N. T. GENTRY

Columbia Man Will Be Food Administrator for Boone County.

N. T. Gentry of Columbia was appointed food administrator for Boone County yesterday by F. B. Mumford, federal food administrator for Missouri.

"I hope all the hotel keepers, merchants, proprietors of restaurants and boarding houses, as well as the housekeepers, will co-operate with me in the conservation of food and the prevention of waste," said Mr. Gentry yesterday.

County food administrators for the majority of the counties of the state already have been appointed. Dean Mumford hopes to have county administrators in every county within a short time.

HARRY E. RASMUSSEN WEDS

Former Missourian Editor Married in Austin, Minn.

Word was received here yesterday of the marriage of Miss Ada G. Archer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Archer of Austin, Minn., to Harry E. Rasmussen, Wednesday, December 26, at Austin, Minn. The wedding was a surprise to Mr. Rasmussen's friends here. He left here last week to go to his home in Minnesota to visit before going to Washington, where he has a position in the Bureau of Censorship. He was a senior in the School of Journalism and editor of the Evening Missourian.

3 BRITISH DESTROYERS SUNK

Thirteen Officers and 180 Men Lost off Dutch Coast.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Three British destroyers were sunk by torpedoes or mines off the Dutch coast on December 22, according to a statement issued by the British Admiralty today. Thirteen officers and 180 men perished.

FEW DEATHS IN ARMY

Only 2 Out of Every 1,000 Have Died Since Training Started.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Figures compiled in the office of Surgeon General Gorgas and made public today showed that with more than 900,000 soldiers in training in this country from September 21 to December 14, there were only 1,391 deaths from all causes, an average of less than two for each thousand.

The figures show that the average strength of the Army in the United States during the period was 916,722 men. Among the 202,009 regulars there were 144 deaths; among the 387,233 in the National Army there were 494 deaths and among the 327,480 guardsmen there were 753 deaths.

DESTROYERS SINK U-BOAT

War Department Issues Statement of Battle November 24.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Full details of the destruction of a German submarine and capture of its crew, made public today by the Navy Department, show that the two destroyers, Fanning and Nicholson, were the United States ships engaged. The incident reported took place November 24. Few facts were given out following the sinking of the U-boat. Today's statement shows that it was sunk as it was preparing to attack a convoy of merchant ships. The Navy Department statement says:

"At 4:10 o'clock the afternoon of November 24, a lookout sighted a periscope off the port side. It was only a few feet out of water and remained visible for only a few seconds. The Fanning headed for the spot and three minutes afterward dropped a depth charge. The Nicholson also speeded to the place where the periscope was seen. The submarine appeared to be headed for one of the merchant ships.

"Another depth bomb was dropped and the conning tower of the submarine appeared above the surface of the water. The Nicholson fired three shots. The bow of the submarine came up rapidly, then the boat went down by the stern. It righted itself and headed away. The Nicholson cleared her decks and fired three shots. On the third shot the crew of the submarine came on deck and threw up their hands in token of surrender. The Fanning at 4:28 o'clock prepared to take off the members of the crew. A line was thrown to the submarine, but the U-boat sank in a short time and the line was broken. The members of the crew jumped into the water and swam to the destroyers.

SUFFRAGE LEAGUE PLANS WORK

Campaign Will Be Carried On in Boone County.

Plans to organize the men and women of Boone County to work for the Missouri Equal Suffrage League were made Friday at a meeting of the executive committee of the Columbia Equal Suffrage League at the home of Mrs. W. E. Harshe, 400 South Sixth street. The campaign is part of one to be carried on over the state. Mrs. Harshe is chairman of the Eighth Congressional District. Mrs. J. J. Phillips is chairman for Boone County.

Mrs. Harshe and Mrs. Luella St. Clair Moss will send out enrollment cards in about two weeks. The men and women in Boone County will be asked to sign up to make suffrage speeches, distribute literature and perform other tasks for the league when called upon. When filled out the cards will be kept here for the use of the local league.

GUATEMALA NEARLY WRECKED

Loss of Life in Earthquake, However, Was Small.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Eighty per cent of Guatemala was wrecked by the earthquake which began there December 26. The loss of life, however, was small.

NEED U. S. SHIPS TO AVERT FAMINE

Food Stocks of Finland Are Depleted and Shortage Imminent.

ASK FOR TWO BOATS

Thought That Government Will Grant Application for Tonnage.

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Food stocks in Finland are so depleted that officials there fear a famine unless tonnage can be obtained to carry the oats and corn granted to the Finnish provisional administration by this Government. Official dispatches from Helsinki state that the need exists throughout the country.

Stocks of cereals in Helsinki were exhausted two weeks ago. The surrounding country has been without sufficient food for two weeks. Wieborg has enough flour to run one week, but its suburbs have been without bread for days. Hammersfors has enough rice and oats for ten days, but towns and villages near are without bread. Few farmers have stocks that will last until the next crops come in.

Dr. Kaarlo Ignatius, Finnish commissioner, is negotiating with the State Department to get boats enough to relieve the situation. It is believed that two boats will be given by this Government.

EXPECTS LABOR DRAFT

Fuel Administration Distributing Head Also Sees U. S. Mines Control.

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Government control of mines and conscription of labor were predicted today by L. A. Snead, head of the Fuel Administration's distribution agency, before the Senate committee, which is investigating the fuel supply. There must be a co-ordination of effort to meet the demand, he said, and he added that he could see no prospect of procuring the 50 million tons of coal that the Fuel Administration estimated was lacking in the country.

Restricted use of coal, Mr. Snead said, was the solution. Priority orders might help, he said, but adequate and effective transportation would be necessary.

The committee adjourned today until next Wednesday, when Food Administrator Hoover will testify. With other witnesses, Mr. Hoover is expected to close the sugar inquiry. The committee will then resume the coal investigation.

WOMEN TO SELL BABY BONDS

Committee Makes Plans to Aid in the Campaign.

Plans were made to interest Columbia women in buying War Savings Certificates and thrift stamps, at a meeting of the women's executive committee at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Commercial Club rooms. Eleven of the twenty women on the committee, appointed by J. P. McBaine, county chairman of the War Savings Certificates campaign, were present.

Starting next week a representative from the committee will meet with each women's organization in Columbia to explain the necessity and benefit of the purchase of War Savings Certificates. Such organizations as the Collegiate Alumnae Association, the mothers' clubs, the D. A. R., the University women's organizations and church societies are to be visitors. Mr. McBaine, who explained the work to the women, said that this publicity campaign for the War Savings Certificates had not been started before because it was thought best to devote all energy and time to the Red Cross campaign. He said that buying a War Savings Certificate was not giving to the Government, but making it a loan. War Savings Certificates and thrift stamps are within the reach of women and children who have not much spending money, he added.

EARL POOL IS STILL MISSING

Has Been Traced to Fayette—St. Louis and St. Joseph Police Notified.

Earl Pool, son of W. I. Pool, who disappeared from his home Thursday morning, has been traced to Fayette. He walked to Harrisburg and from there he caught a ride to Fayette. Nothing has been heard of him since he left Fayette, but his father thinks that he took the train there for either St. Joseph or St. Louis, and has notified the authorities at both places to look for him.

The boy's grandparents live at St. Joseph and it is possible that he is on his way there. He has a little money in the bank there and probably wishes to get it before going to war, his father says. He cashed one of the old gold coins at a store in Harrisburg, where he purchased a cap to replace the derby hat he was wearing.

D. R. FRANCIS DENIES BOLSHEVIKI CHARGES

Ambassador to Russia Defends Red Cross Emis-saries' Actions.

AGAINST OUR POLICY

Says Friendliest Relations Exist Between Russians and Americans.

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The State Department today made public a statement from D. R. Francis, American Ambassador to Russia, denying the charges made December 25 by Leon Trotzky, Bolshevik foreign minister, that representatives of the United States in Russia were guilty of a "revolutionary" act against the Bolsheviks. Mr. Francis states that the charges that the American Red Cross representatives in Russia and Rumania tried to send several dozen automobiles and "other things" to General Kaedines, are refuted by letters and telegrams from the heads of the Red Cross missions and the American Minister to Rumania.

The letters and telegrams stated that the automobiles and supplies were for the Rumanian front and that such supplies were withheld to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Teutons.

"It is inconceivable," says Mr. Francis, "that further documentary evidence is needed to disprove the Bolshevik allegations which were intended to arouse animosity against the American Government and the people of this country, or to attribute to the American Government or its representatives an act so wholly contrary to its traditional policy. I trust that it will be very difficult for anyone to convince the Russians that America does not feel friendly to Russia and her people and that the people of this country do not cherish an earnest and sincere sympathy for the Russians in the difficulty that now confronts them."

"Many subtle evidences of this sentiment between the two peoples is given everywhere. Only yesterday a delegation called at the Embassy and presented a floral offering as an expression of thanks for the effort that I am making to have a million pairs of shoes and boots shipped from America for the members of the railway unions and their wives and children."

FORCE RUSSIAN PEACE

Foreign Minister Trotzky Says Allies Must Make Answer in 10 Days.

By Associated Press
Leon Trotzky, Bolshevik foreign minister stated yesterday Russian delegates would be forced to negotiate a separate peace unless the Entente Allies joined in the peace negotiations within the next ten days. The Bolshevik will issue a formal communication to the Allies asking them whether or not they will enter into peace negotiations. The advance guard of the peace conferees returned to Petrograd, yesterday.

LAST CHANCE TO PAY TAXES

Delinquents Will Be Subject to Fine After Tomorrow.

Tomorrow will be the last day for the paying of city and county taxes. Both offices are behind in their collections and must take in a large amount on the last day to come up to the normal amount collected by the close of previous years. After tomorrow fines will be imposed on all who have not paid their taxes.

"Never before have we been so far behind in our collections at this time," said Berry W. Jacobs, city collector. "With the opening of the collector's office Monday we will be \$4,000 behind and must take in at least \$7,500 that day to come up to the normal."

INDIANA WRECK KILLS SEVEN

Twenty Injured in Head-On Collision When Block Signal Failed.

By Associated Press
MT. VERNON, Ind., Dec. 29.—Seven persons are known to have been killed and twenty injured as a result of a head-on collision between two trains on the Baltimore and Ohio road one mile east of here late today. All of the dead were members of the crew. One of the trains carried many soldiers, but as far as is known none was injured. Both engines were thrown from the track and fell down a steep embankment. The failure of the block signal to work was the cause of the wreck.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Fair, continued cold Sunday; slowly rising temperature Sunday; 15 or more above zero Sunday.

For Missouri: Fair Sunday; not quite so cold Sunday.

The entire country east of the Rocky Mountains is in the grip of the cold wave. In the upper half of the Mississippi Valley temperatures are from 20 to 30 below zero; the line of zero is south to northern Texas, and the freezing line runs almost to mouth of the Rio Grande.

Light to moderate snows have been general in all territory north of the Missouri, and over the eastern half of the country as far south as Tennessee and North Carolina.

In Columbia cold weather will continue during the next two or three days but with tendency to moderation Sunday afternoon and Monday.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 9; and the lowest yesterday was 8; precipitation 0.01; relative humidity 2 p. m. Friday 65 per cent. A year ago Friday the highest temperature was 33 and the lowest 21; precipitation 0.00 inch.

9 BELOW YESTERDAY

Second Time This Year Mercury Takes Big Drop—Coldest at Winnipeg.

For the second time this year the Government thermometer registered 9 degrees below zero here yesterday morning. The temperature began falling Friday morning and the coldest weather was registered at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Last night it was expected to beat this record by 1 degree.

The cold wave extends over the entire Rocky Mountain region. The coldest registered anywhere was at Winnipeg, where it was 32 degrees below zero. At Moorhead, Minn., it was 30 below. Duluth, Minn., 30 below. St. Paul, Minn., 22 below and Omaha, Neb., 20 below.

The forecast here says the cold weather will continue the next two or three days, moderating somewhat this afternoon and Monday.

Homes in Columbia, which did not have frozen or broken water pipes yesterday morning, were considered lucky by the plumbers. Homes that had never before had any trouble suffered from the prevailing northwest wind and the low temperature.

Many of the plumbers didn't get time to eat their noon meal yesterday but continued working until after dark. The greatest damage was done at the Farnhouse, where the heating system was destroyed. When the house was closed for the holidays the water was not drawn from the radiators and boiler. In private homes much damage was done to nickel plated bathroom fixtures.

No more calls for assistance than usual were received at the office of the Columbia Charity Organization Society yesterday, according to D. E. Major, field agent for the society. All the needy families are supplied with coal by the society from its own funds. A system has been worked out by which it can be told when more coal is needed.

The things needed now are donations of clothing, especially women's and children's clothing and children's underwear.

"There are more poor persons in Columbia than people as a rule know of, except the members of the Charity Organization Society," said Mr. Major yesterday. "At least 75 per cent of the poverty stricken are cases where the women were married before they were 17 years old. They knew nothing of household duties."

THE REV. M. A. HART TO LEAVE

Accepts a Call to the Danville, Ky., Christian Church.

The Rev. Madison A. Hart, pastor of the First Christian Church, has accepted a call to the Danville, Ky., Christian Church. The church there expects him to begin his duties about March 1. The board of trustees of the Christian Church here will meet today, and according to one of the trustees, an effort will be made to have Mr. Hart remain here.

Mr. Hart has been here ten years and has been especially active in student work. He is a native Kentuckian and was graduated from the Transylvania University at Lexington with the degrees of A. B. and A. M. He also attended the Yale Divinity School.

Mr. Hart would say nothing yesterday for publication, although he did not deny that he had accepted the pastorate of the Danville Church. The Kentucky Advocate is authority for the statement that Doctor Hart accepted the call.

SWITZLER TO NEW YORK BANK

Former Columbia Man Will Take Up New Work January 1.

William F. Switzler of the Mechanics Bank of St. Louis has received an appointment to the National City Bank of New York City. He will leave for New York about the first of the year.

Mr. Switzler is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Switzler of this city. He was graduated from the University in 1900.

Sedalia Gets Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to Elwood Wilson, 33 years old, of Sedalia, and Miss Audrey J. Miller, 25 years old, of Columbia.

RUMANIAN KING SAID TO HAVE ABDICATED

Petrograd Hears That Crown Prince Charles Is Given Ferdinand's Throne.

IS NOT CONFIRMED

Unsettled Conditions and Political Crisis Disorganize the Army.

By Associated Press
PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—Persistent rumors here say that King Ferdinand of Rumania has abdicated in favor of Crown Prince Charles. The rumors, however, lack official confirmation.

An unsettled condition and a political crisis have been reported existing in Rumania for some time. The Bolsheviks have received information that there had been a plot against King Ferdinand to oust him from the throne. The Rumanian army has run amuck since the Russian armistice and the peace negotiations began and the country was forced to suspend hostilities.

An English writer in the London Observer recently characterized King Ferdinand thus:

"King Ferdinand (a Hohenzollern), of whom little is known gives the impression of one of the kindest natured of men—handsome, and looking ten years younger than his age. His face, in repose, shows indelible lines of anxiety which the war has stamped on it."

"When one thinks of the great struggle King Ferdinand must have gone through when he broke with the traditions of a lifetime and severed all his family ties by joining the Allies, one instinctively acknowledges the greatness of the mind of the king which was able to submerge the man for the good of his adopted country, and to shoulder a responsibility which he fully realized. He was not allowed to forget it, and, at the crown council in Bucharest, where for the first time he spoke, and his words were 'to declare war on Austria and Germany,' one of his pro-German ministers faced him across the council table and deliberately called down what was as near a curse as can be invoked in modern times: 'May your majesty's armies be beaten in the field, and may I live to see the day!'

"The second time the king spoke was at Jassy, when he gave the land to the peasants as a reward for their heroism in the field; and the third time, also at Jassy, when he promised to franchise the Jews after the war; and what King Ferdinand promises he fulfills. His people call him 'Ferdinand the Faithful.'"

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JAIL BREAKERS ARE CAUGHT

Five Prisoners Who Escaped Thursday Out Fewer Than 36 Hours.

After being out of the county jail fewer than thirty-six hours, the five prisoners who escaped Thursday night have been caught. Two boys, Pete Stogsdale and Floyd Branhams, have been arrested charged with passing a saw to the prisoners.

Francis Branhams and Irby Conley, who were awaiting trial on a charge of breaking into the office of Dr. F. L. Sutton in search of drugs, were arrested yesterday by the Jefferson City police after they had gone there by train from New Franklin. Sheriff T. Fred Whitesides returned with them yesterday afternoon.

Byron Evans was caught yesterday morning by Constable Fred Brown in the barn of Joseph Baumgardner, six miles east of Columbia, where he has been hiding since his escape. His feet were frozen, as their only protection against the cold was gunny sacks. Mr. Baumgardner called up the sheriff's office yesterday afternoon and said that he had missed some food from the pantry. Evans denied having stolen any food. It was in the vicinity of the Baumgardner home that Frank Lawson, the negro who escaped, was captured Friday.

Fred Scott, who was with Conley and Branhams when they held up Willard Persinger, a taxicab driver, was returned from Harrisburg Friday night by Deputy Sheriff Ed Chambers. Scott declares he was forced to go with Branhams and Conley. It was he who said Conley and Branhams had gone to Jefferson City. He said that while in New Franklin they robbed a drug store of drugs and more than \$8 in money.

Scott asserts he intended to come back to Columbia and give himself up. He walked from New Franklin to Harrisburg, about twenty miles, to see his mother.

Lacey Sampson Visits Father.

Lacey Sampson, vaudeville actor of New York, is in Columbia to see his father, F. A. Sampson, who is ill in Parker Memorial Hospital. Mr. Sampson is improving.